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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the review of the following amendment to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2008/09-2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
27	<b>Transit Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amendment programs Ortega Rail Sliding project for the environmental and preliminary engineering work. This project has been selected by the Federal Railroad Administration, and is funded from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.</li></ul>

See enclosure.

The updated programming is for projects in an air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement. The SBCAG Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that projects included are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan, are financially constrained, and meet the requirements of public involvement procedures adopted by SBCAG.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve SBCAG's Amendment Number 27. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP amendment, in fiscal years not within the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only. Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of project for federal funding.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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